

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: January 22, 2025

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Procurement of Forty-Five Foot Coach Buses, Contract 25P036

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Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 Expenditures for Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy; Minn. Statute § 471.345
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P036 with Motor Coach Industries, Inc. to exercise purchase options utilizing the State of Washington's Master Contract #06719 for three, forty-five-foot coach buses in an amount not to exceed \$3,300,000.

Background

Procurement of three replacement buses aligns with the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Purchase of these forty-five-foot coach buses will allow MVTA to continue maintaining a state of good repair for their fleet. These coach buses are replacements for buses that reached their useful life in 2024.

The Council does not currently have an active forty-five-foot coach bus contract. The State of Washington released RFP 06719 which is a multi-vendor cooperative agreement that is open to all transit agencies.

The Council executed Joint Powers Cooperative Agreement #22I002 with the State of Washington Department of Enterprise Services to utilize Master Contract 06719.

Rationale

The execution of a goods contract exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This purchase will advance the Thrive outcomes of Sustainability and Livability by supporting the continued viability of transportation alternatives for commuters and enhancing the quality of life in the region by reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality.

Funding

These buses are in the approved Capital Plan and will use federal funds and local funds. Full funding is contingent upon approval of the project in the Council's Authorized Capital Program through business Item BI2025-02 JT.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) did not establish a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for this procurement. Transit Vehicle Manufacturers are required to submit DBE program plans directly to the FTA. The FTA maintains a list of approved transit vehicle manufacturers and the Council may only purchase transit vehicles from that list.

